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TO AMBASSADOR VOLPE FROM SONNENFELDT

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON  
QUADRIpartite LUNCH

1. FOLLOWING IS A QUESTION PUT BY AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST  
TO THE SECRETARY DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THIS  
EVENING THE SUBJECT WE  
DISCUSSED BY TELEPHONE EARLIER TODAY. AND THE SECRETARY'S  
RESPONSE.

2. Q: MR. SECRETARY, THERE HAS BEEN DIFFERING INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE FOUR POWER EUROPEAN MEETING  
THAT IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE. SOME HAVE EXPRESSED  
CONCERN THAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND  
POSSIBLY A FOUR OR FIVE POWER ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE  
ESTABLISHED. TODAY AN ITALIAN SPOKESMAN DENIED THIS.  
HE SAID THAT THE US HAS COMMUNICATED TO THEM THAT  
ECONOMIC SUBJECTS WILL NOT BE TOUCHED ON AT ALL.  
CAN YOU STATE WHAT THE SITUATION IS IN FACT?

A: THE SITUATION IS THAT THE FOUR POWERS WHICH HAVE  
A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BERLIN AND THAT MEET REGULARLY  
AT EVERY NATO MEETING DECIDED TO USE THEIR PRESENCE  
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AT THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE TO MEET ON

THAT ISSUE. WHILE THEY MEET IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE  
THAT OTHER ISSUES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED; AND I WOULD  
CONSIDER IT POSSIBLE, IN FACT LIKELY, THAT ONE OF THE  
SEVERAL TOPICS THAT WILL COME UP WILL CONCERN ECONOMIC  
MATTERS. BUT BASICALLY IT IS AN INFORMAL MEETING OF  
THE FOUR COUNTRIES THAT HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR BERLIN, AND IT WAS THOUGHT BOTH SYMBOLICALLY AND  
SUBSTANTIVELY DESIRABLE THAT THESE FOUR COUNTRIES MEET.  
I CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY - IN FACT I CONSIDER  
IMPOSSIBLE - THAT THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A  
DIRECTORATE THAT WILL BE SET UP FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS,  
AND INDEED WE HAVE NO INTENT OF SETTING UP A DIRECTORATE  
FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS.  
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